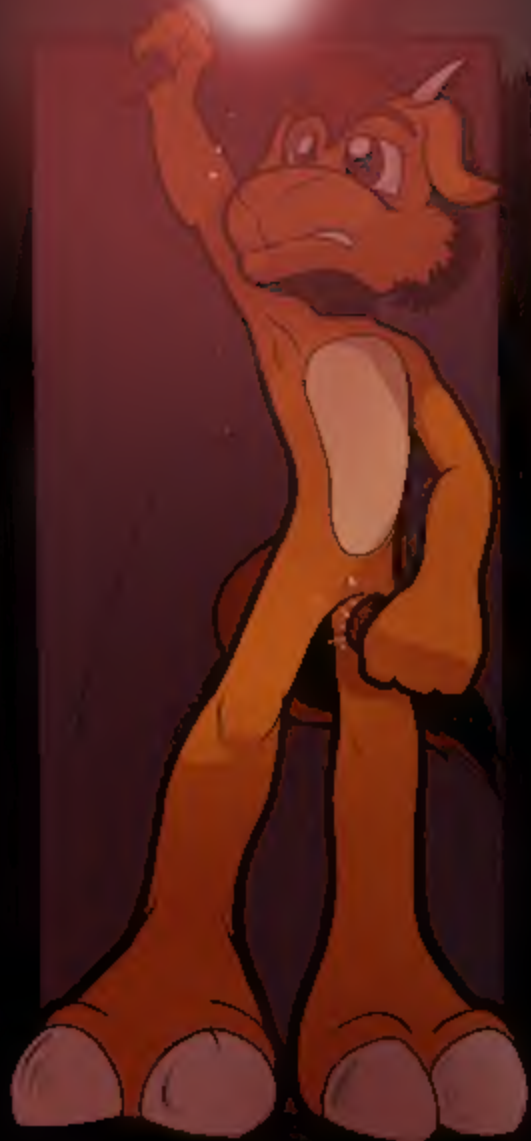



SEASON

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HEY THERE,
LUPE...

GLAD YOU
COULD MAKE
THE PARTY!

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...AND IT IS MY BELIEF, GOING OFF THE INFORMATION MY MOTHER'S MESSAGE REVEALED, THAT HUNTING DOWN ALL SEVEN OF THESE 'CHAOS EMERALDS' IS SNIVELY AND NAUGUS' MAIN OBJECTIVE.


SO THE WIND CRYSTAL YOU AND YOUR TEAM DISCOVERED IN MAGA WAS, IN FACT, ONE OF THESE EMERALDS, PRINCESS?

YES... "CHAOS IS POWER ENRICHED BY THE HEART" AND ALL THAT, RIGHT?

SOUND T'ME LIKE WE MIGHT JUST BE BETTER OFF LEAVING THESE EMERALDS ALONE 'N' FOCUS ON SIMPLY SHUTTING SNIVELY'S SEARCH DOWN.


THAT'S OUR CURRENT THEORY, YES.

IT MATCHES WITH THE SCROLL GIVEN TO US BY THE GUARDIAN WE ENCOUNTERED IN ROBOTROPOLIS, WHICH WE NOW BELIEVE WAS INTENDED TO WARN US ABOUT THE EMERALDS AND THEIR POWERS.


A brown anthropomorphic fox with a white horn-like tuft on its head is speaking. In the background, a green parrot and a brown bear are visible.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, CAPTAIN POLLO SIR, I DON'T SEE HOW THAT'S AN OPTION.

IF FORCES THIS POWERFUL DO EXIST, WE NEED TO FIND THEM. THEY COULD BE OUR BEST BET FOR FINALLY WINNING THIS WAR!

A close-up of a grey fox-like character with a surprised expression on the left, and a black character with a wide, toothy grin on the right.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WITH ACCESS TO HIS UNCLE'S VAST RESOURCES, STOPPING SNIVELY'S SEARCH FOR GOOD WOULD BE ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH.


A character with a large red afro and a blue shirt is leaning over a table, talking to a blue hedgehog who is sitting at the table.

WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE EMERALDS TO SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IF THEY'RE DANGEROUS OR NOT, BUT MY TEAM AND I FEEL THAT FINDING THEM BEFORE SNIVELY IS OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION.

WHETHER WE USE THEM OR NOT IS SOMETHING WE CAN DETERMINE AFTER THAT POINT.

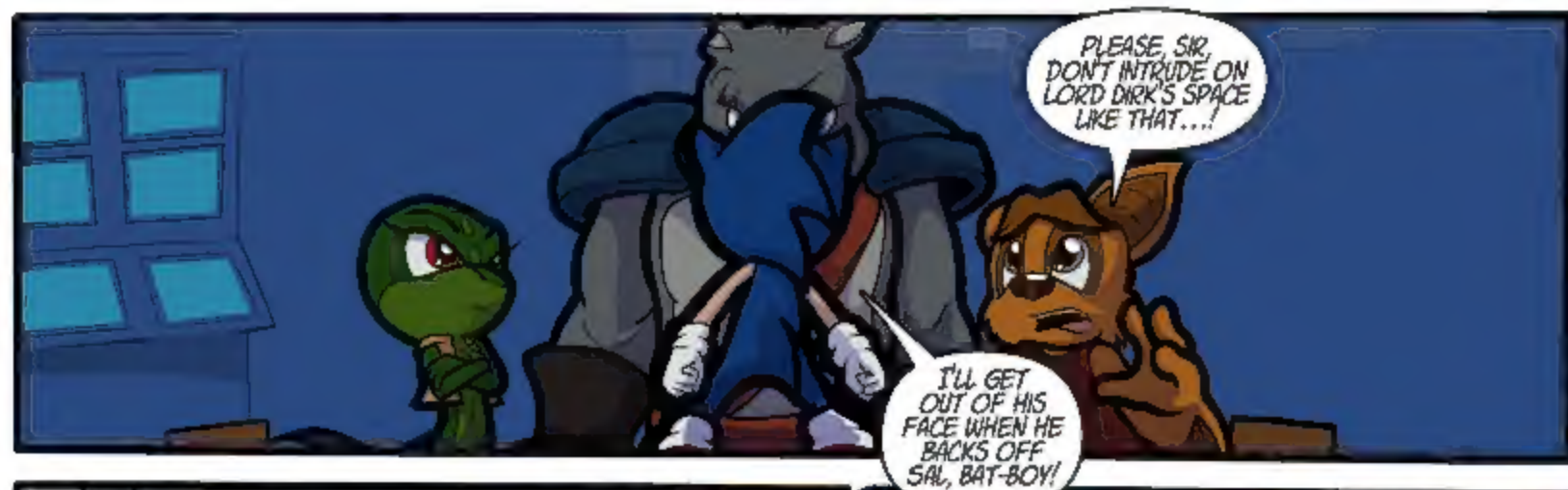
Sonic the Hedgehog is sitting in a wooden chair, looking towards the right. A large, dark, shadowy figure is partially visible in the bottom right corner.

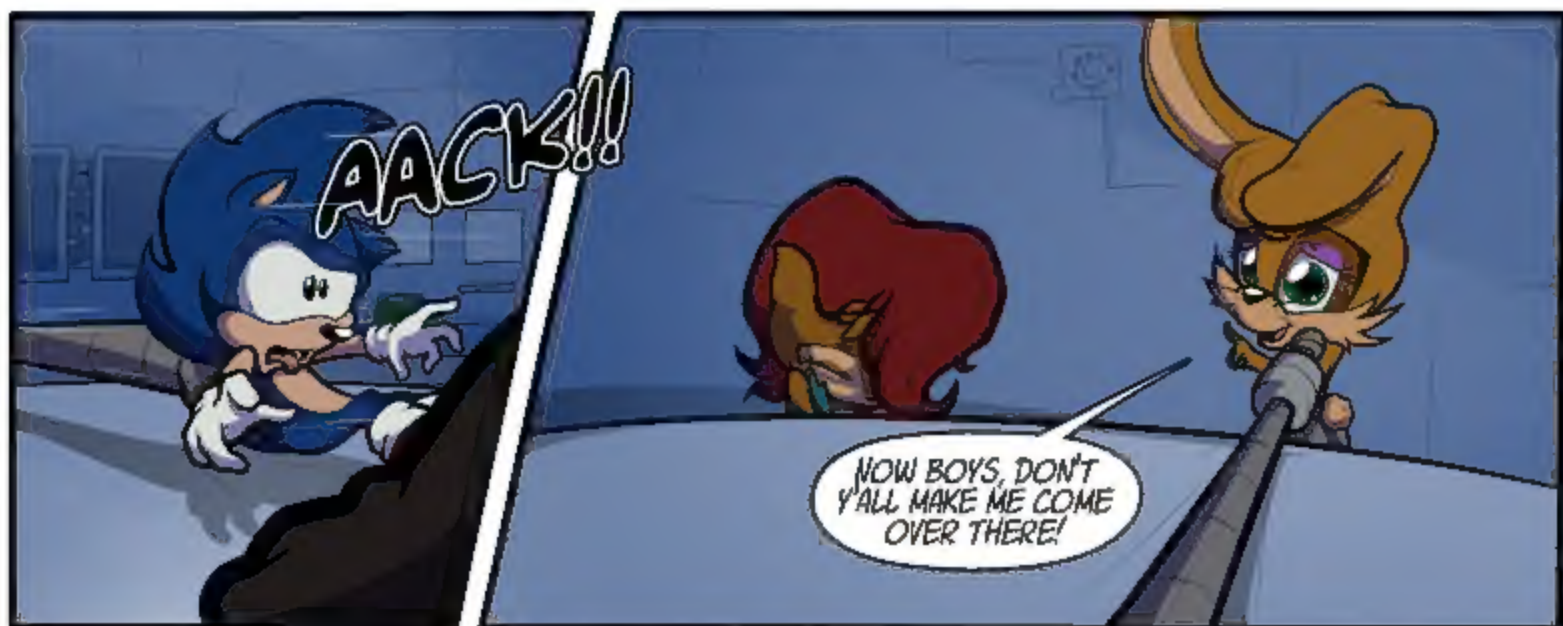
ANY QUESTIONS?

A close-up of the character with the red afro, looking serious and holding a glowing golden staff.

THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT EACH OF OUR TEAMS BE DEBRIEFED ON THE FULL DETAILS OF THE GUARDIAN'S SCROLL AND MY MOTHER'S MESSAGE, AND WE DETERMINE HERE AND NOW WHICH TEAMS TO SEND SEARCHING FOR WHICH EMERALD.

JUST ONE.







AND LEMME
GUESS, DIRK...
THAT NEW LEADER
WOULD BE YOU?



I DO NOT CARE
WHO IT IS, ONLY THAT WE FINALLY
REALIZE WE MUST ESCAPE THIS
PRINCESS AND HER
WEAKNESS.



"THIS PRINCESS"
IS A FRIEND OF MINE,
GENERAL, AND ONE WHO
HAS DONE MORE GOOD
FOR OUR CAUSE THAN
YOU COULD EVER DREAM
OF ACHIEVING.



EVERYONE,
PLEASE, CALM
DOWN!

IF GENERAL DIRK FEELS
CONCERNED OVER THE WAY I'VE
LED MY TEAM, IT'S HIS RIGHT TO SAY
SO, AND WE SHOULD.

GRIFF! GRIFF!



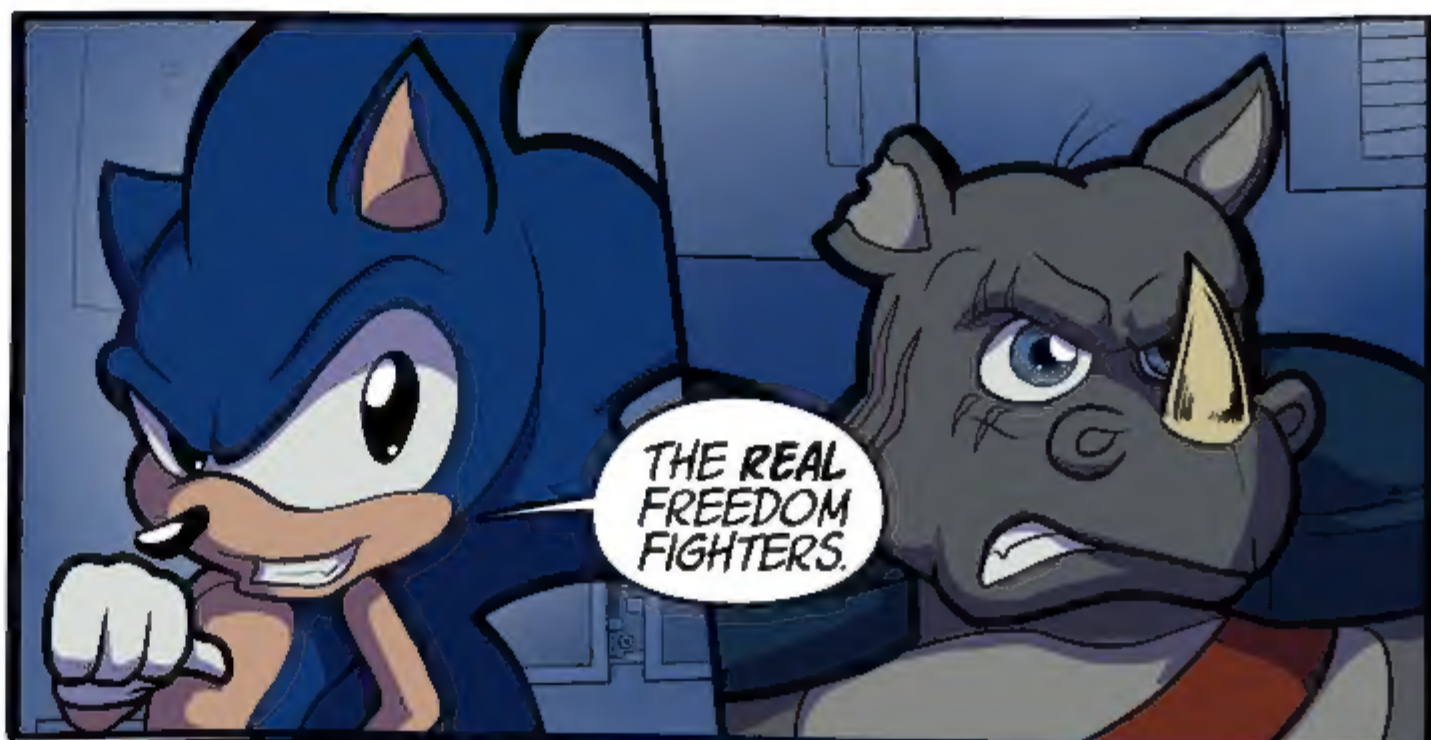
WE'VE GOT
TROUBLE!



WHAT'S THE
MATTER, DIRK?

OUR SENTRIES
REPORT A LARGE SQUADRON OF SWAT-
BOTS NOT FAR FROM THE FOREST
ENTRANCE TO SUB-MOBIUS!

AND THEY'VE
GOT SOME KIND OF...
EQUIPMENT WITH
THEM!







GOOD, GOOD.

NO TARGET

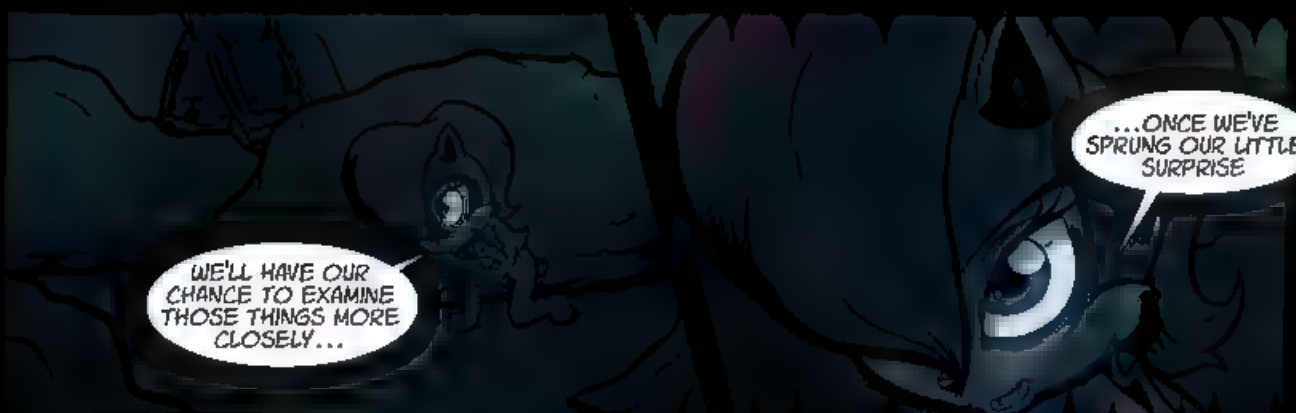
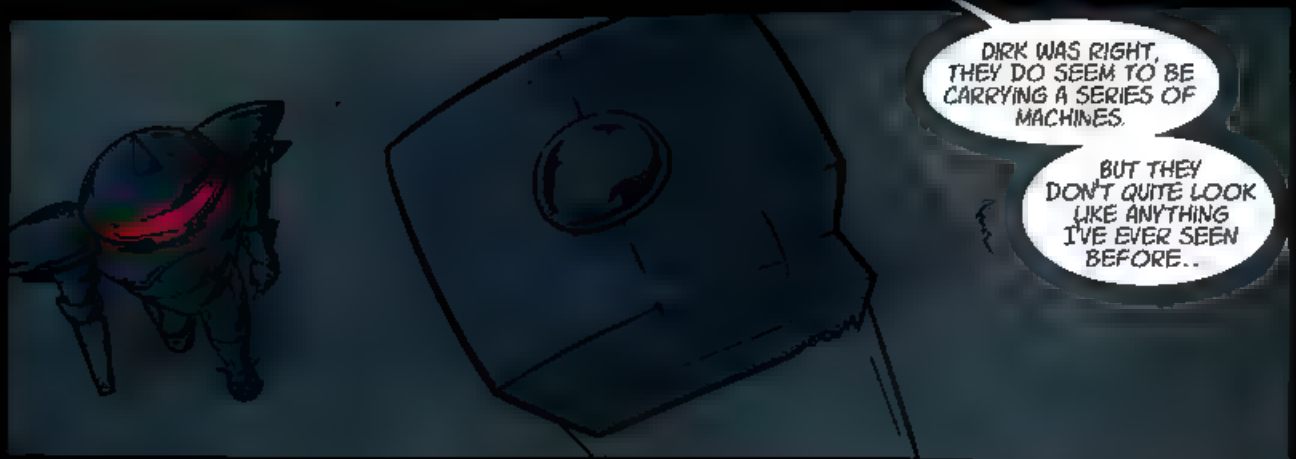
NAUGUS IS STILL
BUSY MEDITATING FOR HIS
NEXT TRACKING SPELL, MEANING
I HAVE A CHANCE TO FIND THE
NEXT CHAOS EMERALD FOR
MYSELF AND GET ONE OVER
ON THAT WRETCHED
TROLL.

OF COURSE, MY
RESONATRIX ISN'T
AS EXPANSIVE OR
PRECISE AS THE
CHAOS EYE...

BUT THAT'S
THE PRICE I PAY
FOR BEING ABLE
TO BUILD IT
FASTER

CALLING SWATBOT
UNIT LEADER: ANY SIGN
OF UNWANTED RODENTS
IN THE AREA?

NOT YET LORD
SNIVELY...





PRIORITY ONE
FREEDOM FIGHTER
SPOTTED!

SPECIAL
DELIVERY!



NOW
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

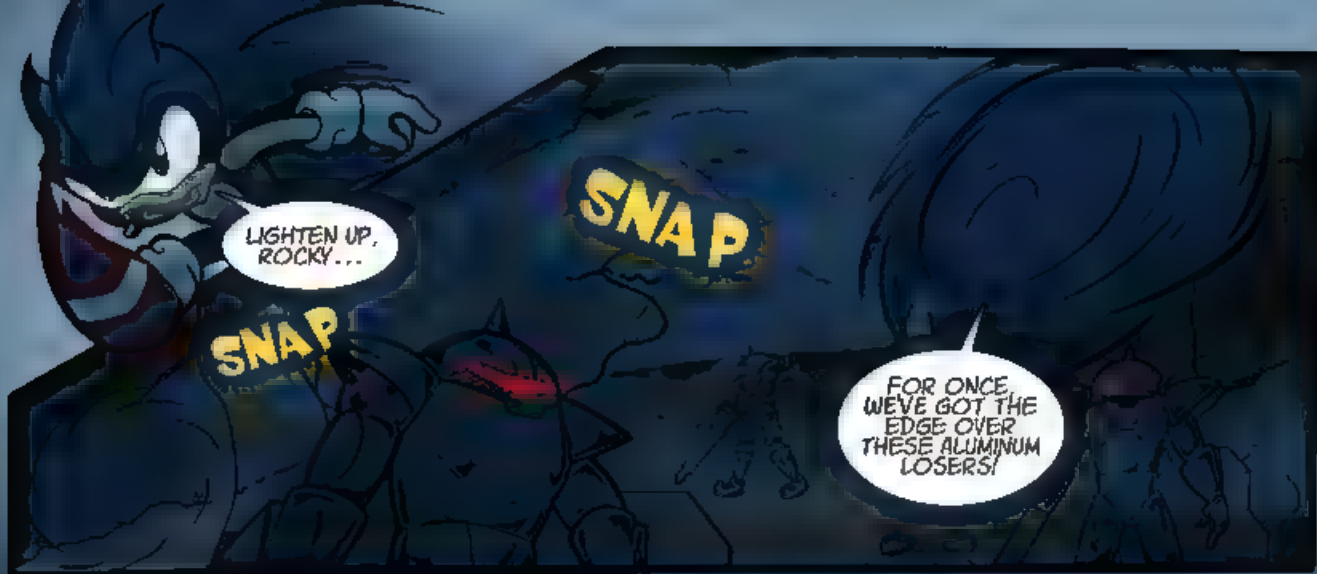
STRIKE
NOW!



YOU HEARD
THE GIRL!

LET'S ROUND
THESE VARMINTS
UP!


DON'T GET
CARRIED AWAY - WE
HAVEN'T WON
YET!









IMPRESSIVE
I'VE NEVER SEEN
THE LITTLE PESTS SO
WELL-ORGANIZED
BEFORE.
STILL.



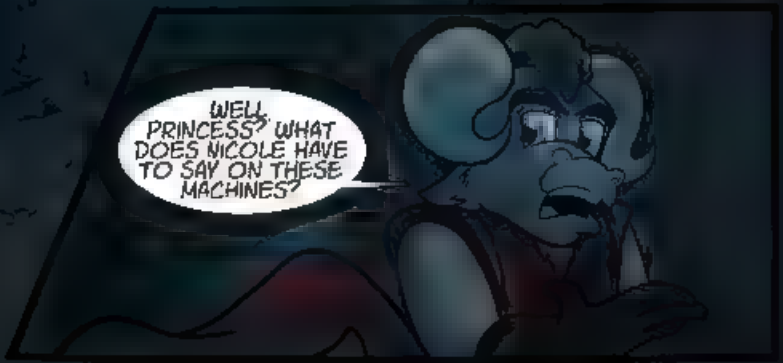
SINCE
THEY ALL
DECIDED
TO GATHER
TOGETHER
IN ONE PLACE,
PERHAPS A
DIFFERENT
TEST OF THE
RESONATRIX IS
IN ORDER



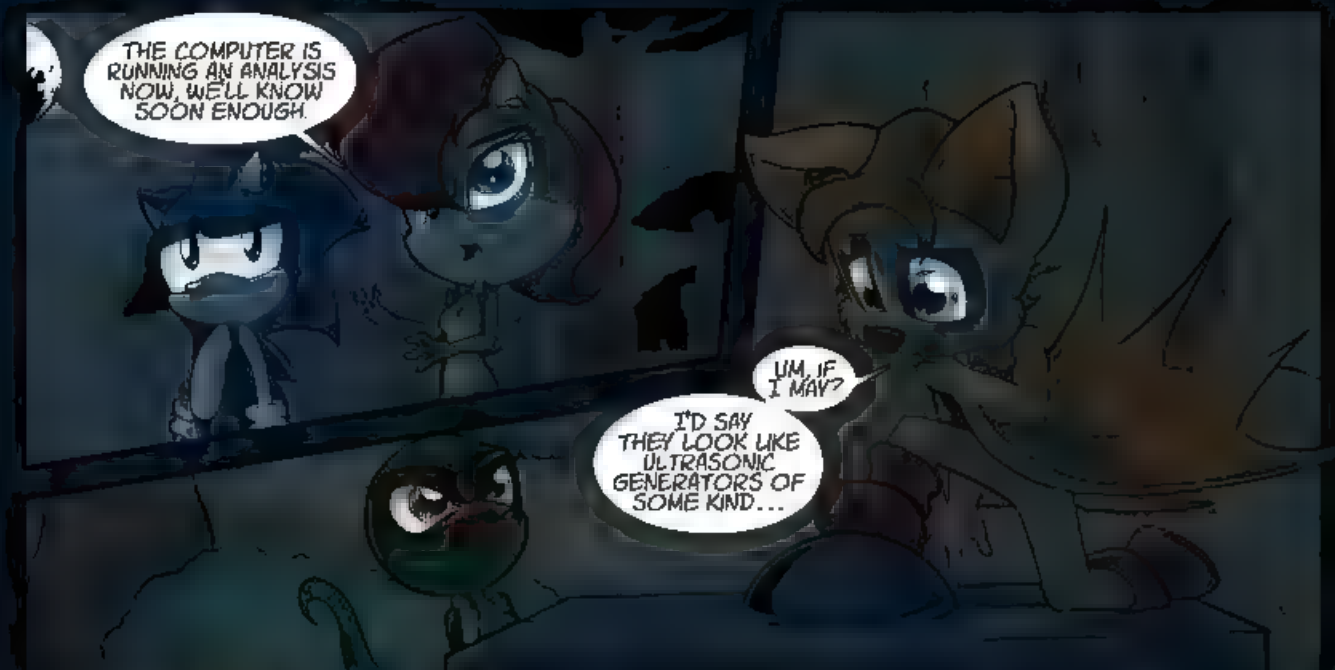
WHADDYA
THINK OF SAL'S
LEADERSHIP NOW,
HORNHEAD?



WHEN
OUR MISSION IS
ACTUALLY DONE, I
MIGHT BOTHER
TELLING YOU



WELL,
PRINCESS, WHAT
DOES NICOLE HAVE
TO SAY ON THESE
MACHINES?



THE COMPUTER IS
RUNNING AN ANALYSIS
NOW, WE'LL KNOW
SOON ENOUGH.



UM, IF
I MAY?

I'D SAY
THEY LOOK LIKE
ULTRASONIC
GENERATORS OF
SOME KIND...



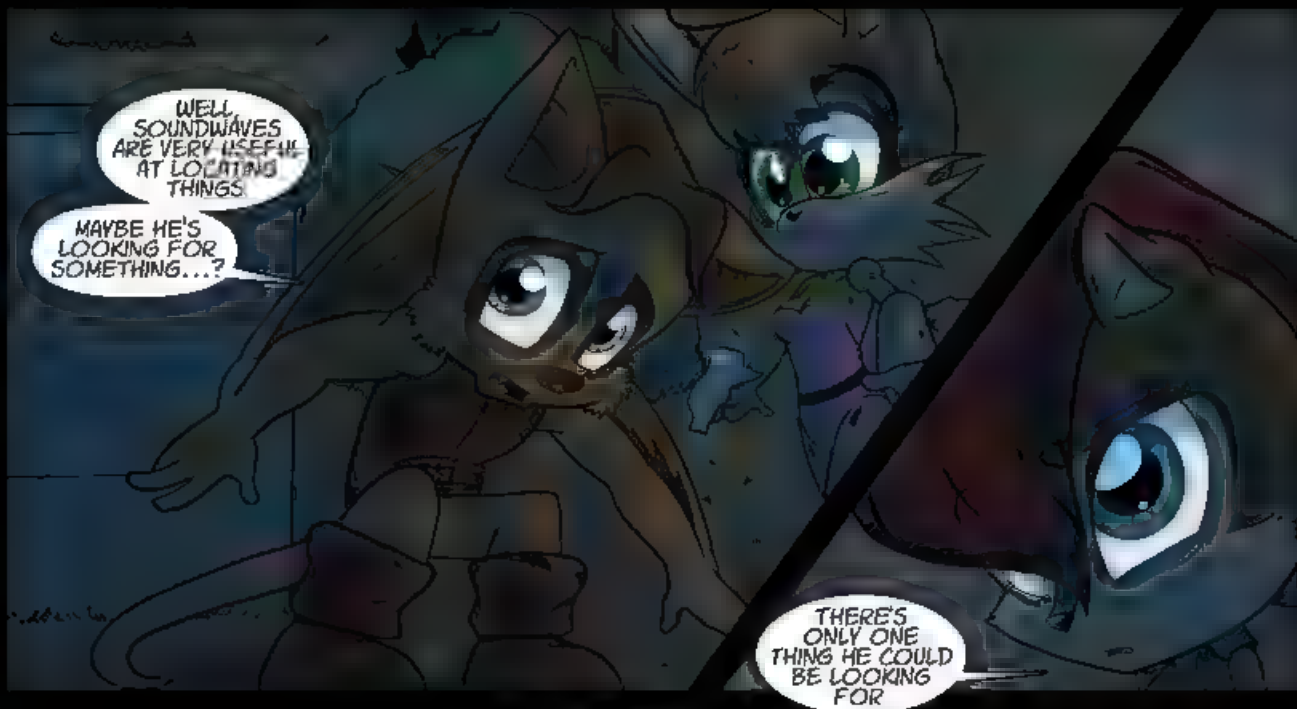
EH-HEH...

I AM A BAT. I
KNOW A BIT
ABOUT SOUND-
WAVES.



INTERESTING

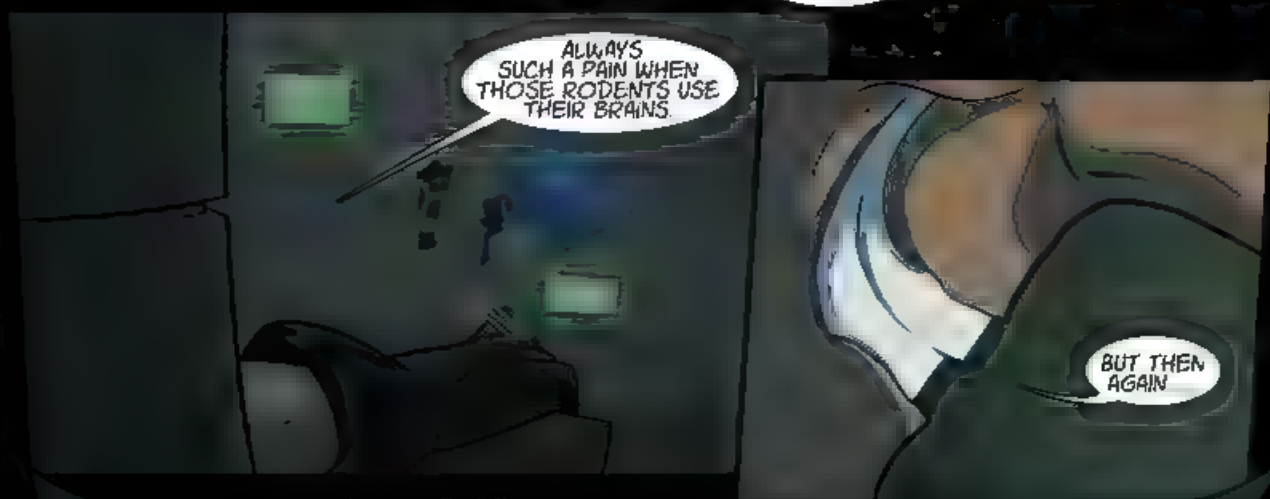
...
WHY WOULD
SOMEONE BE
INTERESTED IN
USING SUCH
TECHNOLOGY
OUT HERE?



WELL
SOUNDWAVES
ARE VERY USEFUL
AT LOCATING
THINGS

MAYBE HE'S
LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING...?

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
THING HE COULD
BE LOOKING
FOR

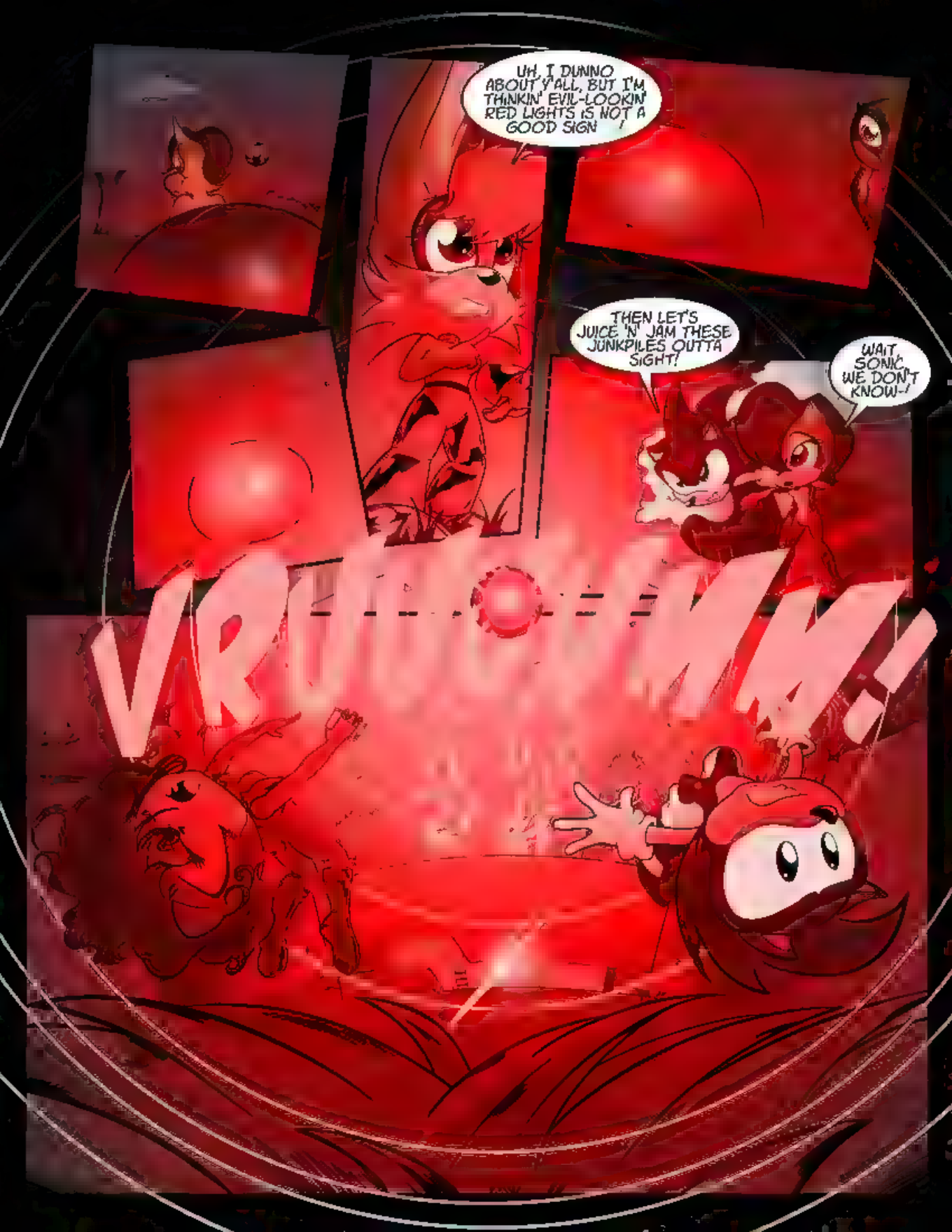


ALWAYS
SUCH A PAIN WHEN
THOSE RODENTS USE
THEIR BRAINS

BUT THEN
AGAIN



... IT'S ALSO
QUITE THE
CHANCE TO TAKE
THEM ALL OUT IN
ONE SHOT

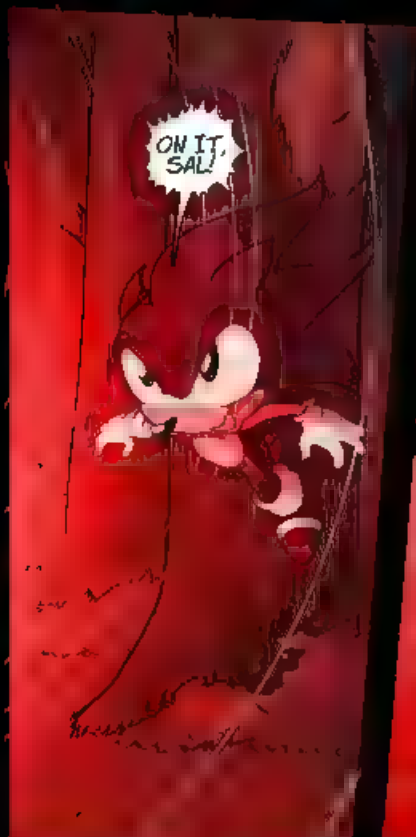


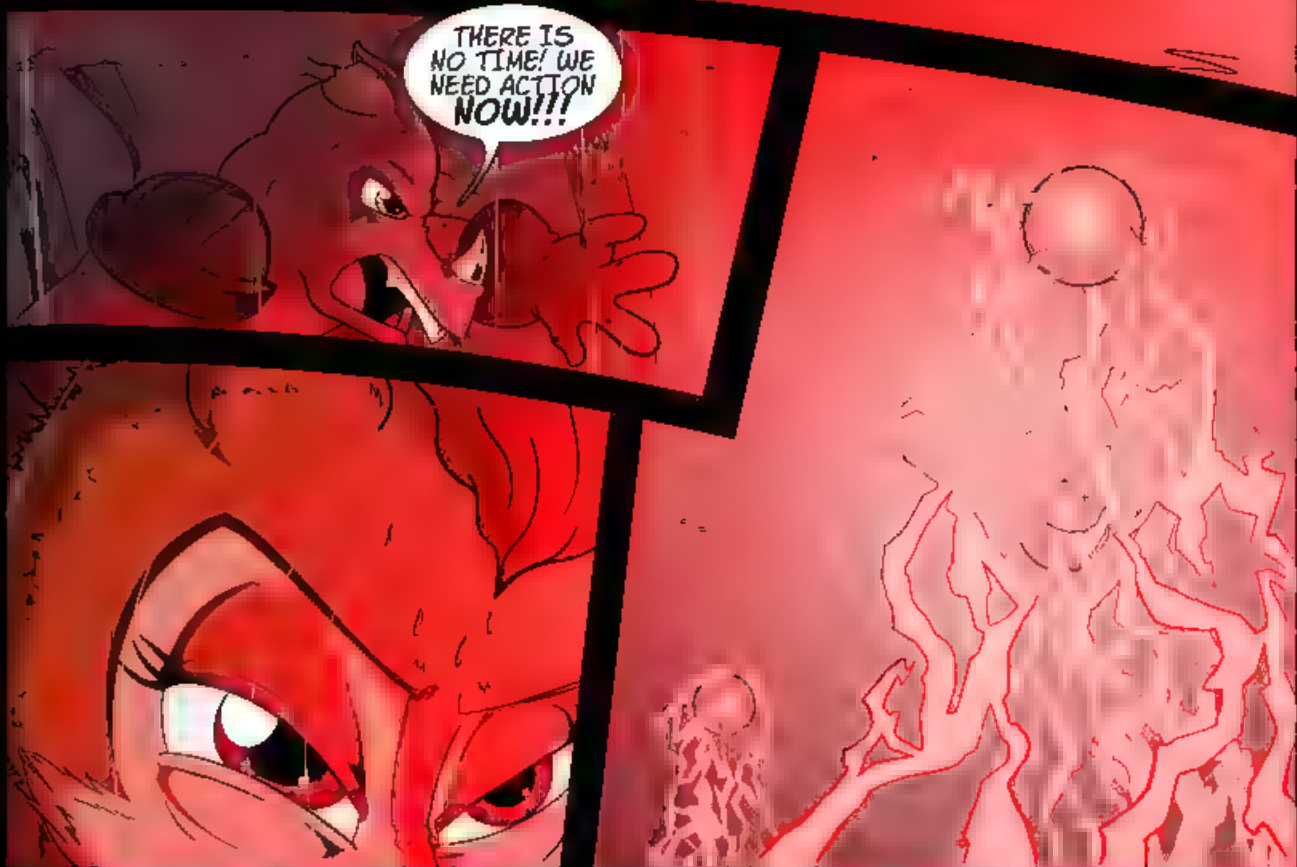
UH, I DUNNO
ABOUT Y'ALL, BUT I'M
THINKIN' EVIL-LOOKIN'
RED LIGHTS IS NOT A
GOOD SIGN


THEN LET'S
JUICE 'N' JAM THESE
JUNKPILES OUTTA
SIGHT!

WAIT
SONIC,
WE DON'T
KNOW-I


VRU...VW!








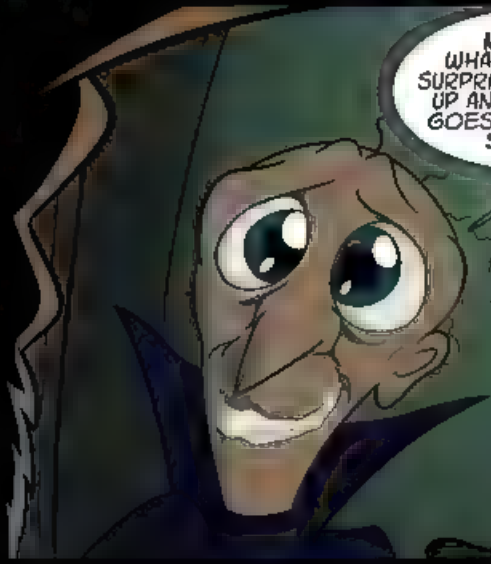
IF ONLY YOU
WERE HERE NOW, JULIAN.
I'D LOVE TO SEE
YOU SQUIRM ..



WHILE
YOU WATCH ME
SUCCEED WHERE
YOU ALWAYS FAILED
AND WITHOUT EVEN
TRYING!




ENJOYING
YOURSELF, I
SEE




N-NAUGUS!
WHAT A PLEASANT
SURPRISE TO SEE YOU
UP AND ABOUT HOW
GOES THE TRACKING
SPELL....?



...



WELL WELL.
TROUBLE WITH
YOUR JAUNTED
MAGIC, NAUGUS?




DO NOT SPEAK
SO FLIPPANTLY OF
FORCES YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND!

MY MAGIC
IS WORKING
FINE...




BUT FOR
SOME REASON THE
EMERALDS ELUDE
ME.

EVERY TIME
IT SEEMS I'M GETTING
CLOSE TO FINDING
ONE, THE PATH BECOMES
A DEAD END!

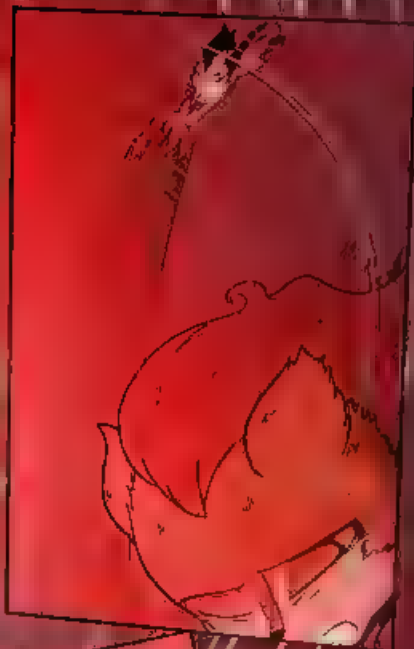


WELL DON'T WORRY
ABOUT YOUR INEFFICIENT
INCANTATIONS.



ONCE WE'RE RID
OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WE'LL
HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO
SEEK OUT THE EMERALDS

AND MY NEWEST SCA...ER, WEAPONS...SHOULD
TAKE CARE OF THAT ANY MINUTE NOW.

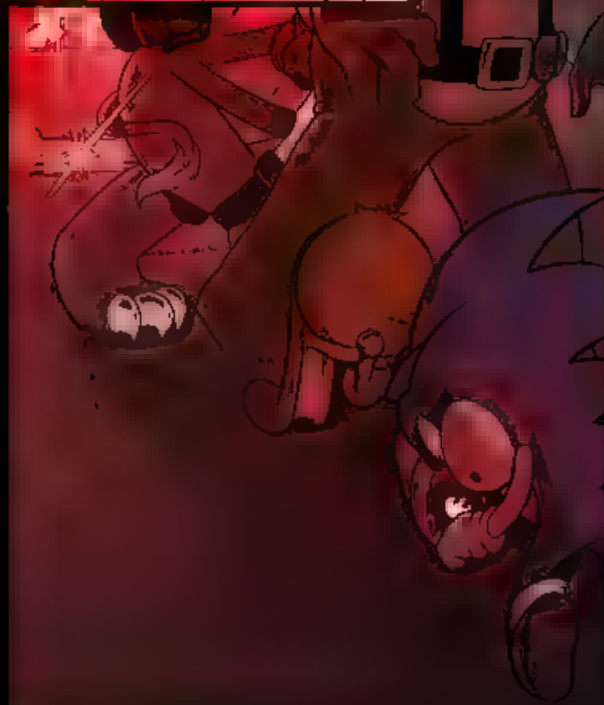


SAL!!!

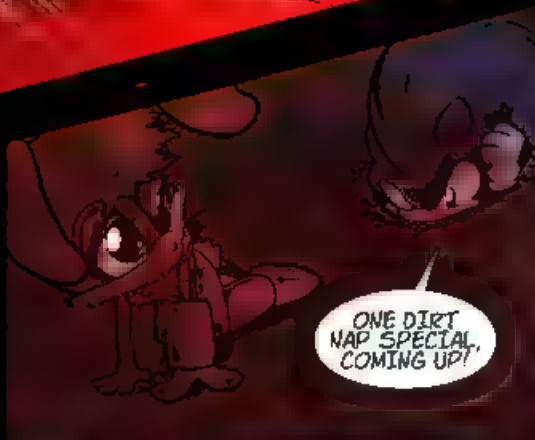
DIRK...POLLO...
GET IN FRONT OF BUNNIE!
YOUR BULK WILL GIVE HER
AND SONIC A BIT OF
SHIELDING FROM THE
PRESSURE!

YOU SELFISH
LITTLE... USING US AS
SHIELDS FOR YOUR
SOLDIERS?!

LISTEN TO
THE LADY, DIRK. I THINK
SHE HAS A BIGGER PLAN
THAN THAT!



SONIC!
BURROW
UNDERGROUND
AND TAKE THESE
THINGS OUT!



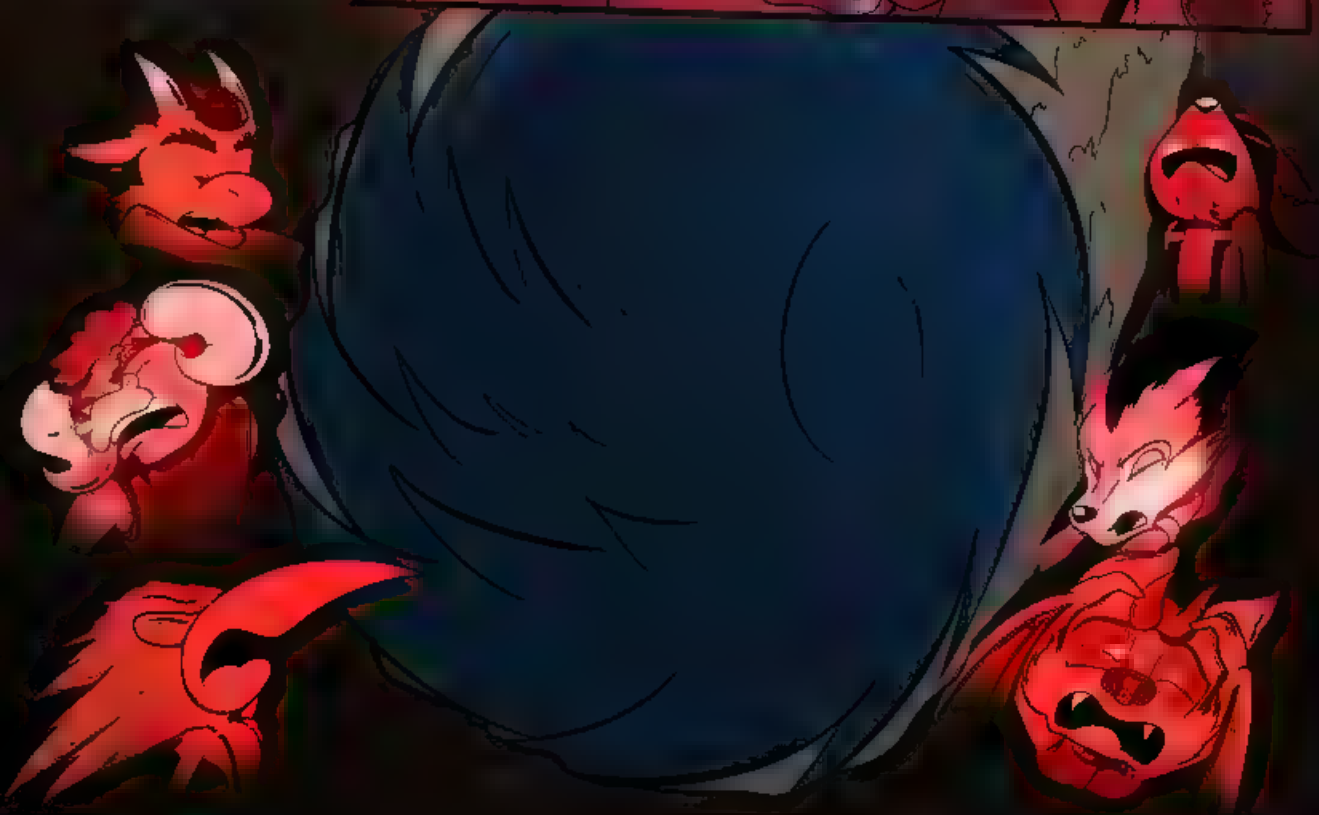
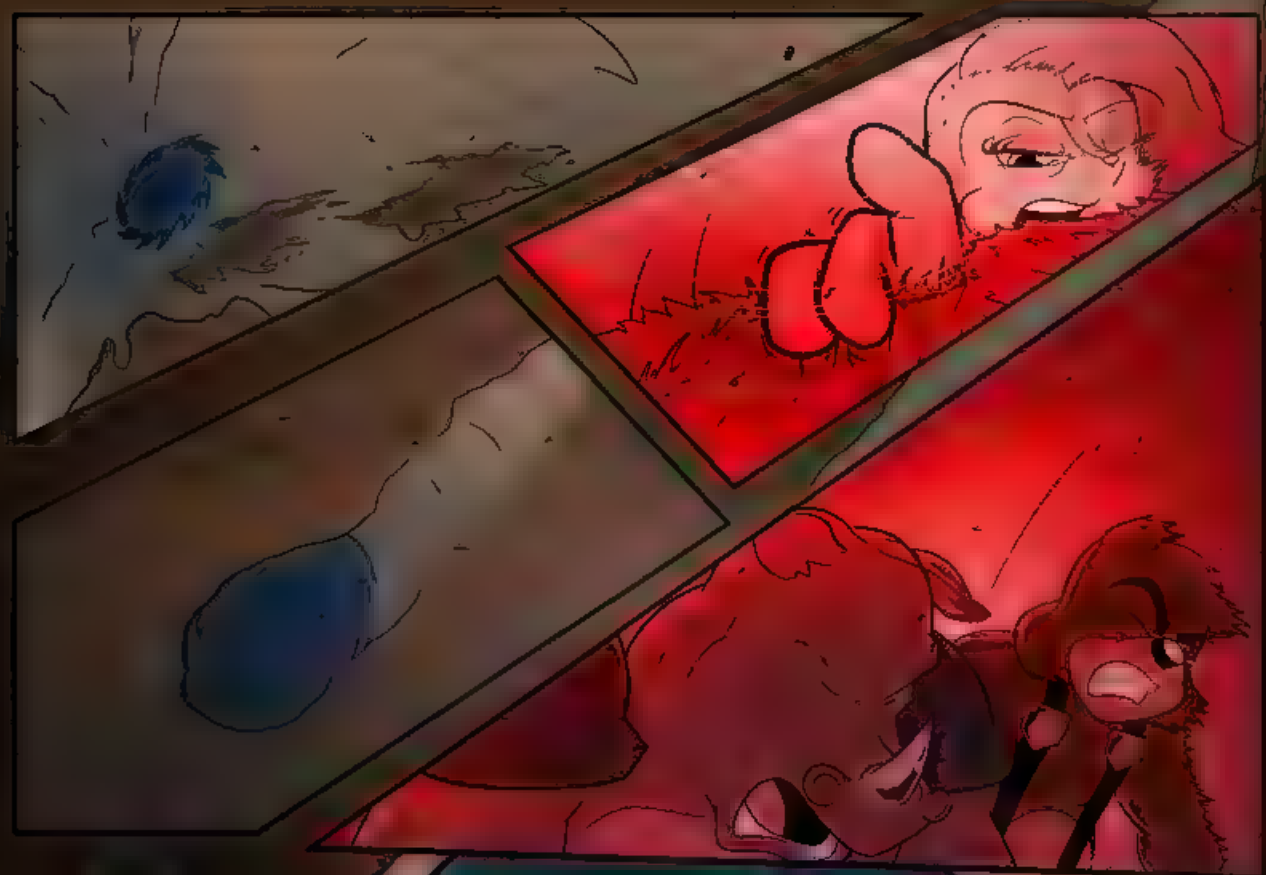
ONE DIRT
NAP SPECIAL
COMING UP!



CAN'T
TAKE MUCH
MORE!

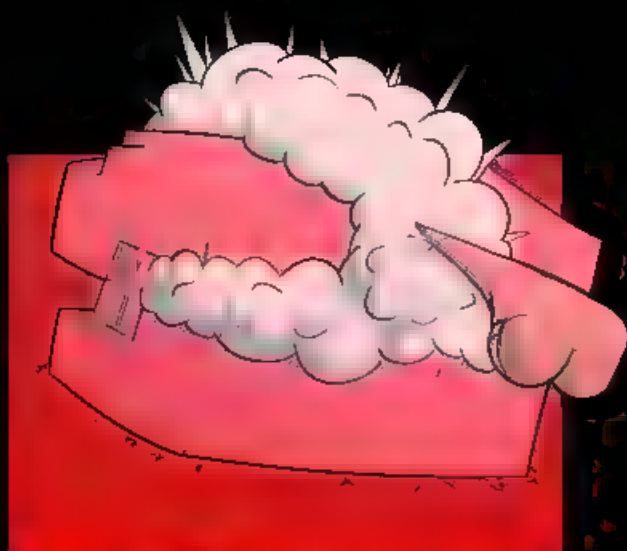


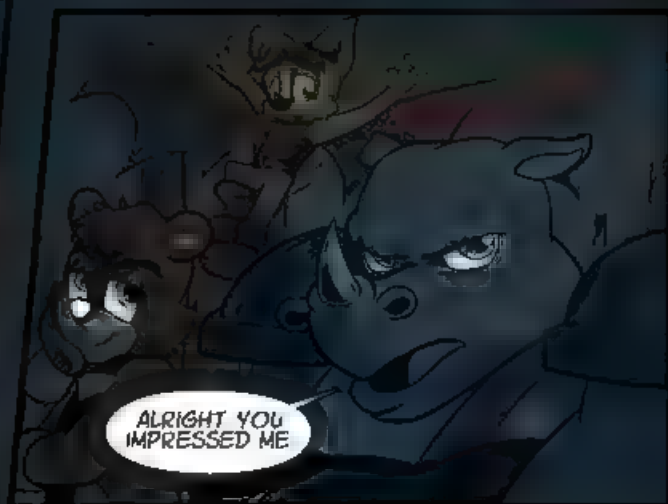
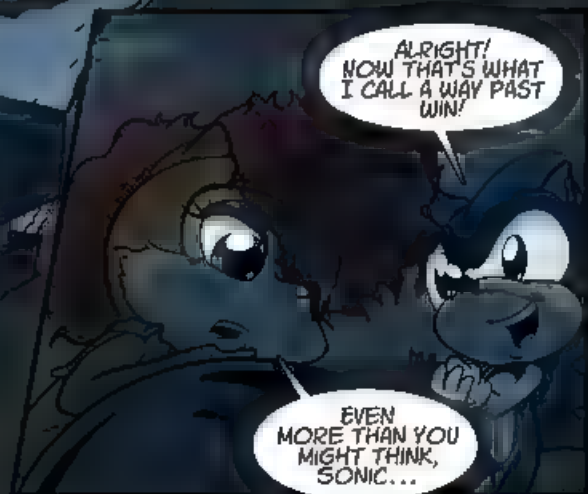
HANG
IN THERE,
EVERYONE!













... YOU SHOWED
ME HOW WELL YOU CAN
PULL ALL THESE DIFFERING
GROUPS TOGETHER

THEREFORE,
I'D LIKE TO MAKE A
PROPOSAL.

GAVIN!

Y-YES SIR?!?

PRINCESS,
GAVIN IS MY MOST
LOYAL LIEUTENANT,
AND A TRUSTED
COMRADE.

I WOULD LIKE
FOR HIM TO TEMPORARILY
WORK WITH YOUR TEAM, SO
THAT HE CAN REPORT BACK
TO ME ON YOUR
PROGRESS

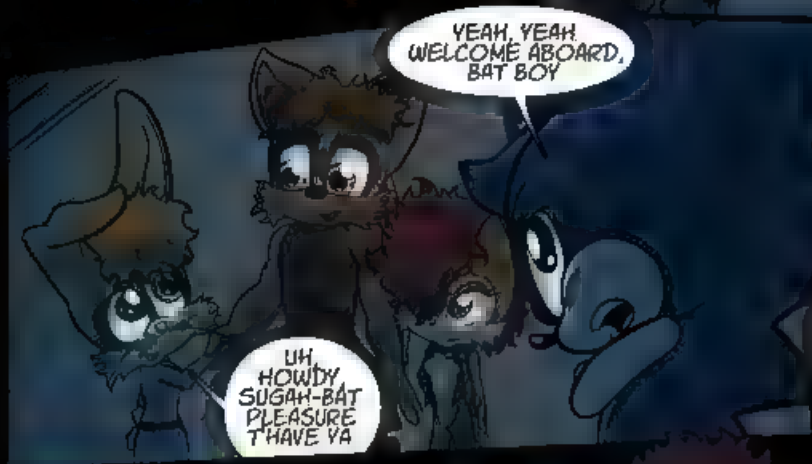
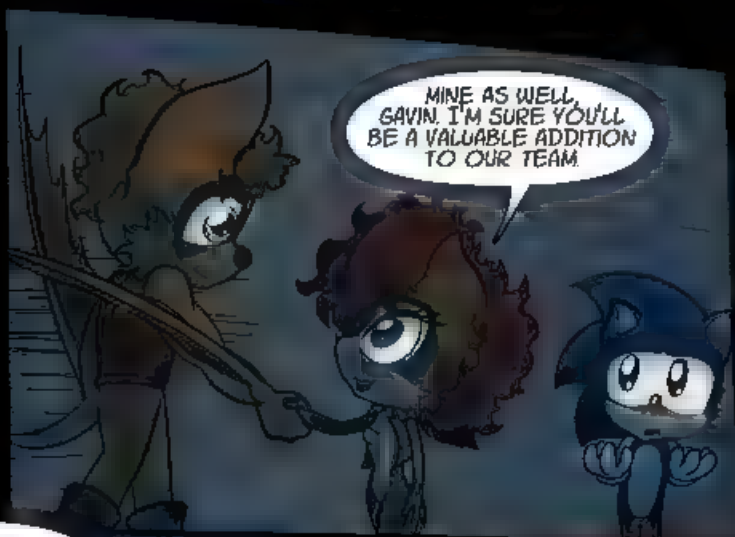
IS THIS
ACCEPTABLE TO
YOU?

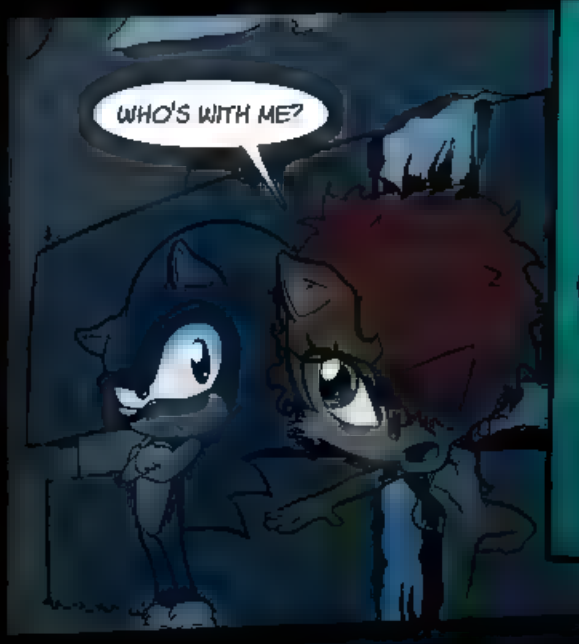
WHOA, WHAT?
YOU'RE STICKIN US WITH A
NEWBIE WHILE WE'VE GOT
BIGGER. . .!

YES, GENERAL,
IT'S ACCEPTABLE

SAL, ARE
YOU SERIOUS?
YOU DON'T HAVE
TAKE ORDERS
FROM THIS
GUY!

IT'S CALLED
DIPLOMACY, SONIC.
TRY TO LEARN ABOUT
IT SOME TIME.

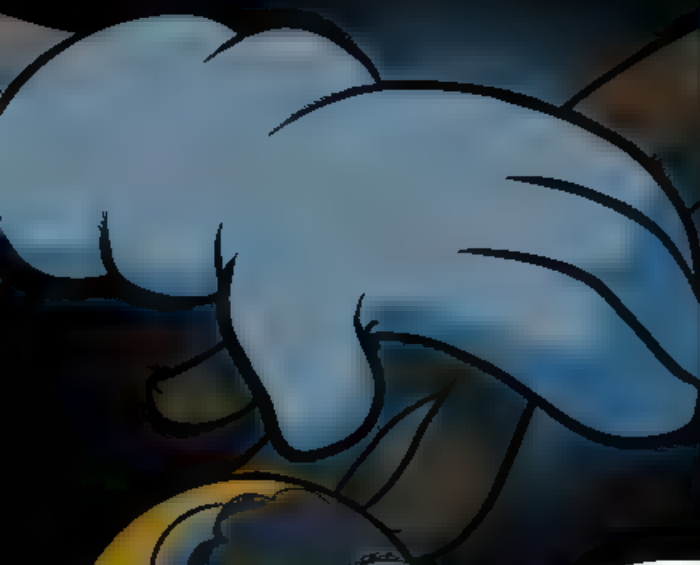




WHO'S WITH ME?



ME, LIKE ALWAYS.



WE'LL SHOOT Y'KNOW I'M WITH YA, SALLY-GIRL



AND I, PRINCESS.



DEFINITELY



OF COURSE, SALLY



I STILL HAVE MY DOUBTS WE SHOULD BE CHASIN' THESE EMERALDS, BUT... I TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT, PRINCESS.

THEN LET'S DO IT. WE'LL BRING THESE GLOBES BACK TO KNOTHOLE.


ROTOR AND SIR CHARLES CAN BEGIN TRYING TO WORK WITH THEM IMMEDIATELY.



IT'S DECIDED, THEN.



FREEDOM, FOREVER!



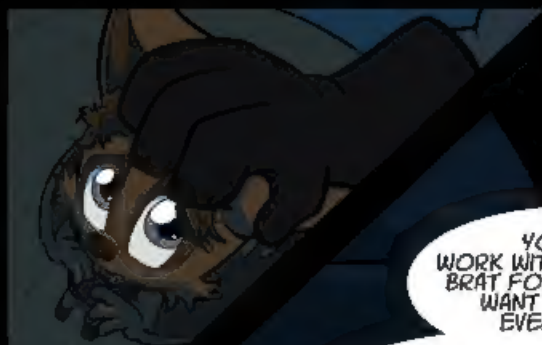
HEY, SCORE ANOTHER ONE FOR THE GOOD GUYS, RIGHT SAL?

I WOULDN'T PUT IT QUITE THAT CHILDISHLY, SONIC, BUT...

...BUT LET'S PUT IT THAT WAY ANYWAY!



GAVIN.



...YES,
SIR?

YOU WILL
WORK WITH THE ACORN
BRAT FOR NOW. BUT I
WANT TO KNOW
EVERYTHING.

I WANT TO
FIND HER WEAKNESSES,
HER FLAWS, HER EVERY
FAULT-LINE... AND THOSE OF
HER TEAM MATES
TOO.

BECAUSE
ONE WAY OR THE
OTHER...



...I WANT HER
OUT OF THE
WAY.

END





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Ya gotta admit one thing Sal. I am one Major Hedgehog Hunk.

